Understanding entered into with the Government of India (Ministry of Defence) for the year 2003-2004, is Rs. 48.40 crore.

Hide-outs militants in neighbouring countries

1066. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) the steps the Central Government contemplate to take in regard to the hide-outs of the militants of the North-Eastern States in the neighbouring countries.

(b) whether the Central Government have any plan to persuade the extremist groups to surrender; and

(c) the extent of success made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND) : (a) The Government has already taken up the matter with the Governments of Bangladesh, Bhuttan and Myanmar. They have assured that they will not allow negative elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.

(b) and (c) The Government has been implementing the scheme for surrender-cum-rehabilitation of North Eastern militants since 1.4.1998. The Government of India provides 100% reimbursement for expenditure incurred on rehabilitation of surrenderees. During the last 3 years (upto 30.6.2003) 1418 number of militants have surrendered in the North Eastern States.

Measures for prevention of communal riots

1067. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the communal flare-ups of severe nature are on the rise in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents during the last three years with details of life and property lost in each incident;